

sub 7
A1
support along a rotating axial direction of the support so as to overlap at least widthwise edge portions of the wound rubber members with each other.--

--15. The method according to claim 4, wherein the rubber material extruded through the extruder as a band-shaped rubber member is helically wound on the rotating support along a rotating axial direction of the support so as to overlap at least widthwise edge portions of the wound rubber members with each other.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment claim 5 is amended to eliminate a multiple dependency and claims 13-15 are added to compensate for the subject matter deleted from multiple dependent claim 5. No new matter is added. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Pardini

James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Thomas J. Pardini
Registration No. 30,411

JAO:TJP/kmg

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400